

**EXPECT LESS WAGES
IN PACKING PLANTS**

Employees of Armour & Co. Believe a Reduction Is Inevitable.

UNIONS ALREADY POLLED

Delegates of 25,000 Workers Have Power to Accept Cut or Strike.

Special dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Chicago, Nov. 17.—Voluntary reduction of wages of all employees of Armour & Co. in their fifteen plants throughout the country was forecast to-day as delegates from these plants gathered in conference to settle the wage problem.

The number of employees in the Armour plants is 25,000. Sessions of the conference were devoted to receiving reports of committees investigating business conditions relative to wages paid in other industries. From official sources it was learned that the general belief among the delegates is to the effect that a reduction in wages is inevitable in the general necessity of readjustment from war conditions.

Meanwhile committees from the workers' organizations of the other three packing plants, Swift, Cudahy and Wilson companies, proceeded with their task of taking the sentiment of the workers regarding a cut in wages and the facts that justify it. There is no workers' organization at the plant of Morris & Co.

At the same time Dennis Lane, head of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America, held a convocation with his delegates from all cities where packing plants are located.

The prospect of a wage cut, as gathered from the delegates to the workers' conferences at the packing plants, seems so certain, it is said, that immediate plans to meet it had to be made by the union men. A strike referendum vote recently placed in their hands the power of either accepting or rejecting any wage alteration proposed by the packers.

"We expect a decision at noon Friday from our delegates in favor of a wage readjustment," said an official of Armour & Co.

At Swift & Co.'s office it was said that no decision could be arrived at for a week, or ten days, by plant assemblies now considering the proposed cut in wages suggested by the company.

**JUROR HALTS TRIAL
IN ARBUCKLE CASE**

With Twelve Accepted, One Is Excused for Change in His Opinions.

SUCCESSOR CHALLENGED

Public Interest Reaches Its Lowest Point—May Begin Testimony To-day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—After counsel for both sides had accepted definitely a jury to try Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge to-day admissions by one of the twelve about to be sworn in set the attorneys back at picking out a twelfth juror late to-day. As a result to-day's session ended with the jury incomplete.

George H. Morgan was the man who blocked the proceedings. He informed the court he wished to change his answers to certain questions asked him and then announced he had formed an opinion "on the weight of circumstantial evidence." He was excused.

The prosecution then used its last peremptory challenge to excuse Edward Pansol, called in place of Morgan. This also was the last peremptory challenge available for either side.

Examination of prospective jurors was speeded up to-day. Interest in the case apparently reached its lowest point since Arbuckle formally was accused of causing the death of Virginia Rappe, film actress, through injuries said to have been inflicted at a party he gave in his rooms at the Hotel St. Francis here. At times there were more persons inside the attorneys' bar than in the spectators' section of the courtroom.

**YOUTH ADMITS DOUBLE
SLAYING, OFFICERS SAY**

Killed Father and Stepmother and Then Fired House.

SAGINAW, Mich., Nov. 17.—Richard Champlain, 22, charged with the murder of his stepmother, Mrs. Adrian Champlain, confessed to-night, officers announced.

Champlain was quoted as saying he shot and killed his father and stepmother Monday afternoon and set fire to the house that night to cover up the crime.

The father was not mentioned in the charge owing to lack of supporting evidence.



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